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DAY

PRODUCTION

ANNOUNCER

ENGINEER

REMARKS

1. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers
 2. ORCHESTRA, QUARTETTE: RANGER SONG
 3. ANNOUNCER: Spring is here again, and it's a bee-u-tiful day on all
 4. National Forests. And for the rangers out in our
 5. National Forests spring is one of the busiest times of
 6. the year. Telephone lines have to be repaired, roads and trails need
 7. clearing and reconditioning, fire crews have to be organized and
 8. trained, and there are a thousand and one other things to be attended
 9. to. One of the biggest jobs in many of our National Forests at this
 10. time of year is the job of planting trees. Reforestation of burned-
 11. over and cut-over areas to restore water-shed protection and to provide
 12. a new crop of trees to meet our future timber needs is a major
 13. responsibility. Because of the urgent need for reforesting our denuded
 14. forest areas the United States Forest Service has become the biggest
 15. tree-planting agency in America. The Forest Service maintains and
 16. operates 27 forest-tree nurseries located in the various forest regions
 17. of the country. These 27 nurseries produce about 140 million seedling
 18. forest trees per year or enough to plant more than 150,000 acres.
 19. During the past 30 years reforestation work has been extended over
 20. considerably more than a million acres of national forest lands. But
 21. despite this record and despite the tremendous impetus given tree
 22. planting in recent years by the boys of the Civilian Conservation Corp,
 23. the Forest Service tells us that 3,600,000 non-productive acres still
 24. remain to be planted in the national forests alone. And at the average
 25. rate at which planting has been carried on during the past three decades,
 the reforestation of this vast area will take almost another hundred
 years. (MORE)

1. ANNOUNCER: (CONTINUES) Well, springtime means tree-planting time on
2. the Winding Creek District of the Pine Cone National
3. Forest too. As we look in today we find Ranger Jim
4. Robbins and his assistant Jerry Quick returning home to
5. the ranger station after a hard week's work on the tree
6. planting area. Here they are now driving along the road
7. in their Forest Service pick-up truck and just coming
8. into Winding Creek....

9. (SOUND OF CAR MOTOR BACK - CONTINUE THROUGH FOLLOWING)

10. JERRY: (FADING IN) I don't know about you Jim, but this is once
11. when I'm mighty glad to have a job done and over with and
12. to be gettin' back to town.

13. JIM: (CHUCKLING) Don't like being away from the schoolmarm for
14. a whole week, is that it, Jerry?

15. JERRY: Naw. I didn't mean about Mary. I'm just plain bushed...
16. that's what I meant. That was the toughest planting
17. chance I ever hope to see.

18. JIM: It was a tough one all right. After hikin' over that
19. mountaintop from the planting site to the car this after-
20. noon, I don't feel any too spry myself. I'm kinda glad
21. we got our planting job done for this spring, too.

22. JERRY: All I want to do now is to get these boots off and wrap
23. myself around some of Mrs. Robbins' cooking. And the
24. sooner the better.
25.

1. JIM: That reminds me, Jerry. Pull up there at Andy Goodman's
2. store will you? I want to pick up a package of tobacco.
3. If I get it now I won't have to come down after supper.
4. JERRY: Okay, Jim. I'll stop long enough for you to get some
5. tobacco. But for Pete's sake don't get into any long-
6. JERRY: winded conversation with Andy. I want to get home and
7. get a bath before supper.
8. SOUND OF CAR PULLING TO A STOP
9. JIM: I won't be but a minute, Jerry. Anything you want me to
10. GABBY: get?
11. JERRY: No... No thanks, Jim. Just get your tobacco and let's
12. get on home. I'm just plain tired out.
13. SOUND OF TRUCK DOOR SLAMMING
14. JIM: (SLIGHTLY OFF - CHUCKLING) Looks like you're going to
15. have company while I'm in the store, Jerry. Here comes
16. your old friend Gabby Little across the street.
17. JERRY: Oh for the love of Mike, Jim. Hurry up and get your
18. tobacco and let's get out of here. If that guy gets
19. started on one of his harangues we won't get away from
20. here for an hour.
21. JIM: (FADING) Okay Jerry... Hold down the fort and I'll be
22. right back.
23.
24.
25.

1. GABBY: (ELDERLY, HIGH PITCHED, VOLUBLE)(SLIGHTLY OFF - CALLING)
2. "Hi, Jim! (ON) Aw shucks, guess he didn't hear me. Hi
3. yuh Jerry? How yuh gettin' on with the plantin'
4. business? I hear you been usin' airypplanes to plant
5. them trees up on t'other side of Old Baldy. Heh?
6. JERRY: (GRUMPY) Naw. We haven't been plantin' the trees with
7. airypplanes, Gabby. Just delivering them. The plane's
8. just been flyin' the trees over the mountain from the
9. nursery.
10. GABBY: That's what I heard tell. Droppin' trees out a airy-
11. planes just like bombs. 's great business. You forestry
12. fellers is gettin' so all-fired modern us old timers here
13. kin hardly keep up with yuh. Me an' Andy Goodman was
14. just talkin' about it the other day when the airypplane went flyin'
15. over Windin' Creek here on the way to Old Baldy. I told Andy, I says,
16. look at that 'ere contraption cartin' them trees to them fellers up
17. there on t'other side of Old Baldy. I recollect the first trees
18. planted up there in that there country was put in by me an' old Jim
19. Robbins hardly no time atall ago. An' the only way we could get them
20. first trees in there was to take 'em in a passel at a time on horse-
21. back. Took us the best part of a week to get 'em there. An' now look
22. what they're doin' takin' them trees in there ten thousand at a trip
23. an' quicker'n a cat's whisker. How many acres a that old burn did yuh
24. plant up there on Old Baldy this spring, Jerry?
25.

1. JERRY: (SHORT) About 500 acres.

2. GABBY: Uh huh. I was tellin' Andy I figured there must be just

3. about that much left to plant. Takes a passel a trees

4. to plant a sizable patch like that. How many trees did

5. it take, Jerry?

6. JERRY: Around half a million trees, I reckon.

7. GABBY: Yessir. That just goes to show. Half a million trees.

8. That's a passel a trees all right. Day was when they

9. wasn't half a million tree sprouts in the country. Oh

10. uh, here comes Jim out of the store now. (CALLS) Howdy,

11. Jim. Glad to git back ta the city fer a little tobacco

12. after all that there tree plantin' up on Old Baldy, eh?

13. (CACKLES) Can't say as I blame ye.

14. JIM: (COMING ON - TOLERANTLY) Hello Gabby. You been keepin'

15. abreast of all the news while I've been gone?

16. GABBY: They ain't been no news Jim -- 'cept about you fellers

17. plantin' trees with airypplanes. I was just tellin'

18. Jerry here. You fellers has come a mighty long step

19. since the days when me an' you packed them first few

20. trees up there on Old Baldy a hoss-back. You 'member

21. that Jim? (CACKLES) Hah. Them was the days. I recol-

22. lect one day ---

23. JIM: You come down to the station some time and we'll talk

24. over some of those old days, Gabby. (SOUND OF CAR DOOR

25. SLAMMING) We've got to get along now and get something

to eat.

1, GABBY: Yessir I'll sure do it, Jim. I reckon the road's still
2, choked up with snow up on Old Baldy an' that's why you
3, had to use alryplanes to get them trees over the mountain.
4, ain't it Jim? Folks been askin' me ---

5, JIM: That's right, Gabby. The road's still blocked and we
6, figured it would be cheaper and easier to fly the trees
7, over than to plow it out. Got to get the trees in the
8, ground while the ground's still moist enough so they'll
9, grow, you know. The snow goes off that old burn on the
10, south slope pretty fast and soon as the snow's gone she
11, dries out in a hurry.

12, SOUND OF MOTOR STARTING

13, JERRY: We got to get along home now, Gabby. We'll see you
14, later.

15, GABBY: Oh say, Jerry. I been lookin' after the school ma'am
16, for ye while ye been gone an' me an' her's been gittin'
17, along fine. (CACKLES)

18, JERRY: All right, so long.

19, GABBY: Hey, wait a minute, I want to tell yuh.....

20, (SOUND OF GEARS SHIFTING AND CAR STARTING - MOTOR THROUGH FOLLOWING)

21, JIM: So long, Gabby.

22, JERRY: (MUTTERING) Confounded old pest. I thought we'd never
23, get away.
24,
25,

1. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Oh, you'll get used to Gabby some day, Jerry.
2. He's just a hold-over from the old town-criers. He's a
3. pretty shrewd thinker, though. If everybody was as
4. curious and observing as he is it might be a good thing.
5. JERRY: Aw, I know. But he talks too much. He gets a fellow
6. in a corner and talks his leg off. As far as I'm
7. concerned he's a pain in the neck.
8. JIM: As soon as you get something to eat under your belt
9. you'll feel better, Jerry. I'll bet Bess has supper
10. all ready and waiting for us.
11. JERRY: Boy, I sure hope so. Nothing's going to appeal to me
12. more than a good supper and a good bed this night.
13. JIM: (CHUCKLES) What! No Friday night date with Mary?
14. You've been gone a whole week, you know, Jerry.
15. JERRY: No sir! I'm not even going to let her know I'm in town.
16. JIM: Well, I know how you feel. I'm pretty well tuckered out,
17. too.
18. JERRY: Yeah. If I never plant another tree it'll be too soon,
19. the way I feel right now.
20. JIM: Yep. I sort of agree with you Jerry. I'm glad that
21. planting work is over with for this year.
22. JERRY: Here we are, Jim. You want me to put the truck in the
23. garage or do you want to unload the stuff in the back
24. at the warehouse?
25.

1. JIM: Just put the truck in the garage, Jerry. The way I
2. feel, I'd rather unload those tools and tents in the
3. morning.
4. SOUND OF TRUCK PULLING INTO GARAGE AND STOPPING.
5. JERRY: Me too... A-h-h, home sweet, sweet home. I can feel
6. that good old hot water in the bathtub already.
7. SOUND OF TRUCK DOORS OPENING AND CLOSING
8. JIM: Yes sir, it's good to be home. (SIGHS) A hot bath, and
9. then hit the hay and.....
10. BESS: (CALLING, OFF MIKE) Jim! Oh, Jim!
11. JERRY: There's Mrs. Robbins calling now. Tell her to go ahead
12. and put the grub on the table, Jim, and we'll be right
13. up.
14. JIM: (CALLING OFF) Yoo Bess. We're coming in right away.
15. BESS: (CALLING) You and Jerry bring a shovel with you, Jim.
16. I've got some bushes I want you to set out.
17. JIM: Huh? What's that, Bess?
18. BESS: I've got some bushes for you to plant.
19. JIM: (CALLS) You don't want us to plant 'em tonight, do you,
20. Bess?
21. BESS: Yes, supper's not ready yet and I want you to put these
22. bushes out while it's still light.
23. JERRY: (GROANS) Good night, Jim. Tell her we can't do it.
24. We're too weak.
25.

1, JIM: By George, if it's not one thing it's another. (CALLS)
2, Can't they wait 'till tomorrow, Bess?
3, BESS: No. You've got your planting tools right there. You'd
4, better do it right now.
5, JERRY: (SOTO) There goes my bath before supper and no tellin'
6, when supper'll be ready either.
7, JIM: Well... What kind of bushes are they? And where in thunder
8, are you going to put 'em?
9, BESS: (UP) Now you and Jerry don't need to get so down at the
10, mouth about it, Jim. That's just like a couple of men.
11, You go out and plant trees up there in the mountains all
12, week and then when I ask you to set out a few little rose
13, bushes you act like it's just going to kill you to do it.
14, JIM: Yes but this is a bad time to do it, Bess. Jerry and me--
15, BESS: Now no buts about it. You two get to work and it won't
16, take you any time at all.
17, JIM: But listen here, Bess.....
18, BESS: I want them right over there in the flower bed along the
19, front yard fence. I've got the places all marked for you,
20, Jim.
21, JIM: Where'd you get those rose bushes? They sure don't look
22, very healthy. Probably won't grow.
23, BESS: I got the bushes from Mrs. Gleason, Jim. And they're
24, perfectly good. All you have to do is to be careful to
25, see that they get planted right.

1. JERRY: Ouch! Dawgonit. They got spines on 'em a mile long.
2. JIM: Listen, Bess. When Bill Peterson was out here from the
3. regional office to landscape the ranger station grounds
4. he said
5. BESS: Yes I know what Bill Peterson said, Jim, but Bill Peterson
6. doesn't have to live here and I do. And I'm going to have
7. some rose bushes here whether he likes it or not.
8. JERRY: But Mrs. Robbins, you can't...
9. BESS: Now no more argument out of either one of you, Jerry. You
10. two get to work and get those bushes planted. (GOING OFF)
11. I've got to go in now and see about supper.
12. JERRY: Gosh, Jim, are we gonna have to...
13. JIM: (WEAK MARTYRED TONE) Go get a couple of shovels, Jerry.
14. JERRY: (WEAKLY) Okay, Jim ...
15. MUSIC: FINALE
16. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you every Friday on
17. the National Farm and Home Hour as a presentation of the
18. National Broadcasting Company, with the cooperation of the
19. United States Forest Service.
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